

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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Cultivation of Ganja
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of illegal cultivation of Ganja in the interiors of the rural areas in the country, particularly in the Visakhapatnam area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to curb/check the illegal cultivation of Ganja?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE:
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes. The Government has taken note of illegal cultivation of Ganja in the interiors of the rural areas of the States of Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Tripura, Uttarakhand, West Bengal Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. State Excise Department of Andhra Pradesh mentions Visakhapatnam as one of the areas where illegal cultivation of Ganja has been destroyed.

Data of destruction of illicit Cannabis crop
Name of State 2014 (In Acres) 2015 (In Acres) 2016 (In Acres)
Arunachal Pradesh 37 30 31
Assam 00 0 2
Himachal Pradesh 723 423 5651
Madhya Pradesh 218 0 0
Maharashtra 8 0 0
Manipur 23 48 18
Odisha 2065 311 2211
Tripura 123 0 431
Uttarakhand 1 6 63
West Bengal 0 0 31
TOTAL 3198 818 8438

Data of Destruction of Illicit Cultivation of Ganja in Andhra Pradesh
Year No.of Plants (Ganja) Approx area in Acres
2013-14 3,64,300 180
2014-15 2,70,000 130
2015-2016 1,09,000 59
2016-17 1,23,385 60
(upto Feb"17)

(c): The Narcotics Control Bureau in coordination with the State authorities carry out destruction operations. Field intelligence and satellite imageries are also used to identify illegal cultivation. At the State level and District level, meetings are organised by Zonal Directors of Narcotics Control Bureau for preparing details of destruction operations.